

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 674

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ms. Jeanne Williamson  
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ms. Jeanne Williamson; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williamson was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Davidson County, Ms. Williamson was a highly respected member of the Nashville community, where she was most recently associated professionally with the First Realty Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the National Association of Realtors, the Tennessee Association of Realtors, and the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors, Ms. Williamson served with acumen as a 13-year member of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, where for three years she was a member of the Board of Directors, and the Vice-President of Special Events for two years; she also served the Chamber with distinction as chairman of Public Relations, as President-Elect, as President, as Assistant Executive Director and as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Chamber, Jeanne had the vision to design and implement the “Leadership, Donelson-Hermitage,” an innovative program to develop the community leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, admired professionally and personally, Jeanne served on numerous professional committees and boards of directors, including the National Association of Realtors as a member of the Education Forum Committee, the Publications & Information Committee, the Public Relations & Community Service Forum; the Tennessee Association of Realtors Membership Committee, the Membership Recruitment & Jurisdiction Committee, the Convention Committee, the *Tennessee Realtor* Editorial Board, the Convention Committee, and as the TAR Director; and the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors' Special Events Committee, the Education Committee, the Community Service Committee, the Historian Committee, and the Awards and Installation Committee; and

WHEREAS, she was actively involved with the Women’s Council of Realtors on the national, regional, state, and local levels and served locally as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President throughout her many years of involvement; Ms. Williamson was recognized for her dedication to her profession in 1991 and again in 1996 when she received the Member of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, she instituted the first Mini-Golf Tournament fundraiser and created the format for the first Women’s Council of Realtors’ Chapter newsletter, entitled *News & Views*; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as President of the Women’s Council, her Chapter increased its membership by over 70%, was named State Chapter of the Year, and for the first time won the first place award nationally in its division for the Chapter Achievement Book; and

WHEREAS, honored for her many good works, in 1991, Ms. Williamson was named Business Woman of the Year and received the Luton Mental Health Center’s Volunteer of the Year Award; in 1992, she received the Anna Wiggs Memorial Award and, in 1993, was nominated for the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, she also lent her time and considerable talents to the Nashville Traffic and Transportation Club, of which she served with probity as a stalwart member of the Board of Directors and as the newsletter editor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williamson was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order, as she was the proud parent of a son, John; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in her professional life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ms. Jeanne Williamson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Williamson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.